

## Assembly Bill No. 582

### CHAPTER 859

An act to amend Sections 9560, 9563, and 9564 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to seniors.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 582, Firebaugh. Multipurpose Senior Services Program.

Existing law, the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act, establishes the Multipurpose Senior Services Program to provide specified services to frail elderly individuals 65 years of age and older who are certifiable for placement in a nursing facility. Existing law requires the California Department of Aging to formulate criteria for approval and designation of local Multipurpose Senior Services Program sites.

This bill would revise the criteria required for approval and designation of program sites, and would specify that it is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this program, to provide access to social and health services by providing information and outreach activities in the community.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 9560 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

9560. (a) The purpose of this chapter shall be to establish a program to serve frail elderly individuals 65 years of age and older who are certifiable for placement in a nursing facility. This program shall be known as the Multipurpose Senior Services Program, and shall be structured and carried out in a manner consistent with Section 1396n(c) of Title 42 of the United States Code.

(b) This chapter clarifies the intent of the Legislature that the Multipurpose Senior Services Program shall continue:

(1) To prevent premature disengagement of older individuals from their indigenous communities and subsequent commitment to institutions.

(2) To provide optimum accessibility of various important community social and health resources available to assist active older individuals to maintain independent living.

(3) To provide that the frail older individual who has the capacity to remain in an independent living situation has access to the

appropriate social and health services without which independent living would not be possible.

(4) To provide the most efficient and effective use of public funds in the delivery of these social and health services.

(5) To coordinate, integrate, and link these social and health services, including county social services, by removing obstacles that impede or limit improvements in delivery of these services.

(6) To allow the state substantial flexibility in organizing or administering the delivery of social and health services to its older individuals.

(7) To provide access to social and health services by providing information and outreach activities in the community.

SEC. 2. Section 9563 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

9563. The department shall formulate criteria for approval and designation of local Multipurpose Senior Services Program sites. The criteria shall include, but need not be limited to, all of the following:

(a) Specifications for a social and health review team to evaluate older individuals and to ensure that continuity of social, economic, and health services is provided to maintain older individuals at the appropriate level of care.

(b) Development of social and health services necessary to maintain the older individual at the appropriate level of care.

(c) Specifications for the quality of the social and health services to be provided.

(d) Coordination and integration of the social and health services described in Section 9561.

(e) The number of local sites, which shall be consistent with the funds made available for purposes of this chapter.

(f) Coordination with local governmental and nonprofit agencies concerned with multipurpose senior services.

(g) Maximize utilization of local resources, including service provided by established community-based senior citizen organizations and information and referral networks.

(h) Specifications for the evaluation of the proposals submitted for the new local sites and for the evaluation of the local sites.

(i) Conditions for determining the need for procurement of existing sites. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, nothing in this chapter shall be construed as mandating that an existing site be reprocured periodically.

SEC. 3. Section 9564 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

9564. Nothing in this chapter shall preclude expansion of Multipurpose Senior Services Program services if cost effectiveness is demonstrated. The expansion shall be accomplished by establishing new sites, increasing numbers of clients served in

existing sites, or expanding the number of sites to include additional geographic regions of the state.

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